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1. GOJ'S MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (MHW) REPORTED FEB 12 THAT NEW CASES OF INFLUENZA IN FEB 1 - 7 PERIOD IN JAPAN TOTALED ABOUT 156,000, ABOUT HALF OF NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED PREVIOUS WEEK, BRINGING TOTAL TO 2,385,124 SINCE LAST OCTOBER. NUMBER OF SCHOOLS WITH CLOSED CLASSES TOTALED 6,023 AND THAT OF CLOSED SCHOOLS 3,085.

2. EPIDEMIC ATTRIBUTED TO VIRUSES IDENTIFIED AS QUOTE A-VICTORIA 75 UNQUOTE AND QUOTE A-TOKYO 75 UNQUOTE, NEW VARIANTS OF QUOTE A-HONGKONG UNQUOTE.

3. PREVALENCE REACHED PEAK DURING WEEK OF JAN 18 WHEN CASES REPORTED TOTALED 1,070,000 AND BEGAN DECLINING FOLLOWING WEEK WHEN ABOUT 379,000 CASES REPORTED.

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RM REASONS CITED BY MHW FOR DECLINE ARE GRADUAL RISE
IN TEMPERATURE, INCREASED HUMIDITY DUE TO RAIN AND SNOW
FEB 4-5, AND IMMUNITY BUILDUP.

5. MINISTRY ADVISED PUBLIC TO MAINTAIN PROTECTIVE MEASURES,
POINTING OUT CASES CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN HOKKAIDO
(70,000 NEW CASES REPORTED) AND AOMORI (20,000).
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